

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

I am starting this letter very early in the morning (you never could guess how early) as I am going to be well rushed with work today and may not have another opportunity as good as this, to write. It is now just Eight o'clock. I have not even signed my morning reports yet. I got up at 6:45 - my regular rising hour now - and shaved before breakfast, so that I would be already to start work bright and early.

Last night we had some cases brought in that were in pretty bad condition and some of these, that were in shock, we had to leave until today to operate. They are a great deal better this morning than they were last night.

It rained nearly all night but has stopped now, and is cold.

and disagreeable out. It looks  
as if it might rain at almost  
any time so I won't be too  
optimistic about it. I hope I  
get mail today.

The news papers yesterday  
did not contain a great deal of  
news but all they did offer  
was very interesting. The of-  
fensive is still progressing very  
satisfactorily for us and very  
disastrously for the Boche, and  
that is all the news we want,  
after all. Let the good work  
keep on. They can't be too  
badly whipped, that's certain.

I expect today that the  
papers will contain news  
of President Wilson's reply  
to the German peace note  
and I don't expect that a great  
deal of consideration will be



given to it. It would seem  
as if all the tremendous effort  
and sacrifice had been in  
vain if the Germans were  
permitted to effect a Peace  
at the present time. They  
have too much to account for  
and too much to repay. I  
think that Peace will come in  
a comparatively short time and  
when they are much more  
disposed to accept the terms  
which the Allies are going to  
be disposed to offer them.

I wonder if my next letter  
from you will tell of the receipt  
of the box I sent you. I can  
get you more of the embroidered  
bed spreads if you like them and  
also more luncheon sets of a  
different kind of lace. I have  
no pleasure greater dear, than

the purchase and sending to you of these things that I know you love. So I want you to be absolutely free in telling me what you want, just as you always have been when I am at home.

The papers just came and I have glanced at the headlines which indicate to me that I have much intensely interesting reading still coming, for the news is wonderful again and again it is the American army which is making news. There is a new advance before Verdun and near Cambrai and St.

Quentin and from indications it is just the impetus needed to speed the Boche on his way to Berlin. These are truly very



wonderful days.

Well my Darling I must  
close. It is now nearly time  
for rounds and I have a  
lot of work in the operating  
room so with apologies for  
the brevity of this letter, I will  
close. Give my love and lots of  
kisses to Glad and the dear babies,  
With my dearest love to you,  
and millions of kisses, I am  
your loving and lovesome  
Husband,

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